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My comments relating to the Tunney Act:

I speak the voice of a one person business operating in the black only because Microsoft products that work exceptionally well exist:

I believe that much of the consideration afforded Microsoft was more a vendetta on the part of its competitors and perhaps a little jealousy.

I fear a government that acts to stifle free enterprise.

I also am in the camp of believers that the American economy started SOUTH with the start of the Microsoft litigation.

I hope that the government would consider that the impediments placed on Microsoft should also be placed on the 20 competitors.

I wonder if this action will become another government fiasco like the one that exists as a result of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The telecom sector in America is reeling. The government has a history of not fully understanding the implications of their actions.

Do you have any concept of the number of businesses large and small that depend on Microsoft? They depend on Microsoft because of good smart business practices, not because of unfair practices.

Will you enforce these rules to the absolute ruin of American Industry? I caution you to use great restraint. The American economy is continually looking for a competitor for Microsoft. It is the ultimate brass ring. Be careful not to interfere with that. Be careful not to interfere with Microsoft. Do NOT mortally wound Microsoft.

The reality is, as an end user, I have never felt put upon by Microsoft. I am sick of people who can't see that Mr. Gates and Microsoft have done more for the American economy than Bill Clinton and the Fed combined. Now the government stands to hurt that enterprise.

Please be fair in your application of these judgments. Remember, America depends on Microsoft.

My livelihood depends on Microsoft!!!! I use their products everyday in my consulting business. So do my clients. So do their clients. I bet you do too!!

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